

Torrance, California.  
December 10, 1935.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, Tuesday evening, December 10, 1935.

Mayor Ludlow called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. Absent: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of the regular meeting November 26th, the special meeting November 29th, and the adjourned regular meeting December 3rd, be approved. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

A petition signed by eight people, addressed to the Council, protesting the proposed Library site chosen by the Committee of 40.

A petition signed by 141 people, requesting that the Library be located near the High School.

Both petitions were ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County regarding traffic hazards and calling an emergency mass meeting to be held December 12. Councilman Stanger said that he would attend the meeting.

Three communications dated December 2, 1935, from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, advising re allotment for municipal building projects.

Communication from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, dated December 7, 1935, referring to Docket 6081-B, Pumping Plant for Waterworks system, acknowledging receipt and approval of contract documents between the City of Torrance and Hoagland Engineering and Construction Company.

Another communication from Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, regarding contract with Fred W. Weber on Unit D of Waterworks project.

Engineer Leonard stated that both contractors had been advised that they could proceed with the work.

Communication from Walker and Eisen, Architects, submitting bill in the amount of \$1063.00, being part payment for services on public buildings.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the bill be paid as per statement rendered. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Communication from the State Compensation Insurance Fund, stating that dividends will not be received due to major accident last year.

Communication from National Youth Administration, addressed to the City Engineer, stating that the project proposal covering clerical work, previously submitted by Torrance was not acceptable. Clerk Bartlett said that a representative of the League of Municipalities had called this date with reference to this matter, stating that he was sure that this would be changed and that the matter would be under way within a few weeks.

Letter from the Associated Oil Company re franchise earnings under Ordinance No. 1351 of Los Angeles County, stating that no earnings had been received.

Communication from the Sunset Oil Company, inclosing application of Seaboard Petroleum Corporation, requesting that the Council approve and consent to franchise transferred to them. Referred to the City Attorney for checking and report at the next meeting.

Communication from the Board of Education of the City of Long Beach regarding expenses for services of Messrs. Beebe and McKesson on their trip to Washington, D.C., and showing pro rata share for each city and school district interested. The amount for Torrance was \$106.17.

Bulletin from the League of California Municipalities, including important announcement of Railroad Commission hearings in the matter of the establishment of temporary and minimum rates, rules and regulations regarding carriers of excavating and roadbuilding material. It was explained that if the rates are increased, P.W.A. project costs will be affected.

Letter from the Los Angeles School District, WALTERIA, expressing appreciation for Christmas check sent. Also asking advice and assistance on school safety problem, and asking aid in keeping guard for school crossing.

Card of thanks from the Girl Scouts for the use of the Torrance municipal bus.

Communication from O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers re Torrance City Bonds 1935, suggesting revision of plans and that all present bids be rejected and new bids called for on modified plan.

Request to remove pepper tree at 1923 Arlington Avenue. This matter was turned over to Councilman Hitchcock, for investigation and report at the next meeting.

Clerk Bartlett reported on the meeting of the El Prado Improvement Association held December 4th in the City Hall, and read a portion of the minutes of that meeting. Mayor Ludlow stated that the wishes of the committee would be respected. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the report be filed for future reference. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried.

Financial report on Torrance schools as of November 25, 1935, prepared by C. J. Rambo. This report was accepted and placed on file.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 781

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND CONSENTING TO A  
MAP OF TRACT NO. 10896.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 781 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 274

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING  
AND VACATING AND CLOSING UP NEECE AVENUE

Councilman Stanger moved that further reading be dispensed with. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried. Councilman Stanger moved that Ordinance No. 274 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 782

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE, ACTING FOR THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL  
WATER DISTRICT, REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
ON CONTRACT BETWEEN TORRANCE MUNICIPAL WATER  
DISTRICT NO. 1 AND THE ROSCOE MOSS COMPANY  
FOR THE DRILLING OF TORRANCE WATER WELL NO. 1,  
AND WAIVING LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR EXTRA TIME,  
UNDER SAID CONTRACT.

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 782 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 783

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE, REJECTING BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION  
OF PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 783 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 784

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE, REJECTING BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION  
OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HALL BUILDING

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 784 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 785

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE, REJECTING BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION  
OF CITY HALL AND JAIL BUILDING

Councilman Klusman moved that Resolution No. 785 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 786

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE, ASCERTAINING AND ESTABLISHING THE  
PREVAILING WAGE RATES OF LABORERS, WORKMEN AND  
MECHANICS EMPLOYED IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HALL BUILDING,  
PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING, AND CITY HALL AND JAIL  
BUILDING.

Councilman Klusman moved that Resolution No. 786 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 787

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE, APPROVING ADDENDA SPECIFICATIONS  
OF THE CITY HALL AND JAIL BUILDING

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 787 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 788

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE, APPROVING ADDENDA SPECIFICATIONS  
OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING

Councilman Klusman moved that Resolution No. 788 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 789

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE, APPROVING ADDENDA SPECIFICATIONS  
OF THE PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HALL BUILDING

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 789 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Messrs. Eisen and Walker explained the changes made in the addenda specifications for the buildings, and stated that both Mr. Beebe and P.W.A. officials had expressed approval.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 790

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE, AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS TO SUBMIT BIDS FOR  
THE CONSTRUCTION OF CITY HALL AND JAIL BUILDING

Councilman Stanger moved that Resolution No. 790 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 791

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE, AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS TO SUBMIT BIDS FOR  
THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 791 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 792

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE, AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS TO SUBMIT BIDS FOR  
THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HALL BUILDING

Councilman Klusman moved that Resolution No. 792 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 275

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING  
PARKING AND LOADING AND UNLOADING ON CERTAIN  
PUBLIC HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Stanger moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 275 be dispensed with. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried. Councilman Stanger moved that Ordinance No. 275 be approved for first reading. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that Clerk Bartlett and himself had been asked to confer with the General Petroleum Corporation regarding purchase of gasoline during the construction of the new Jail Building, and that they had reported to Mr. Bartlett that they would be glad to take care of the City's needs, through their Mr. Burns.

Councilman Hitchcock reported the need of 50 yards of fertilizer, and he made a motion that the Council authorize this purchase. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that a portable tar kettle is needed by the Street Department. He moved that \$230.00 be appropriated for this purchase. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that in the City Yard there had been a number of wagons, plows, et cetera, belonging to the County, which have now been returned and receipt obtained therefor. He also stated that some equipment, including a grader and scraper, could be purchased very reasonably and that the Street Superintendent needed them. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk contact the County regarding the purchase of this equipment. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Councilman Klusman asked Attorney Rippy for definite information on the option on the lot which had been considered for the garages. Attorney Rippy stated that he didn't believe the option could be enforced, if the City did not choose to purchase the lot, and he was then requested by the Council to contact the owner and request a withdrawal of the agreement.

Councilman Klusman requested a discussion of the Library site, stating that it was his personal wish to see it located on Carson Street, as indicated by the property owners who signed the petition submitted earlier in the meeting. Mayor Ludlow stated that he favored the site on which the Council had an option on Carson Street. Councilman Stanger stated that he had contacted the local Librarian, who had told him that she favored the site at the corner of Post and Cravens Avenues, which lot could be purchased for \$4000.00, and he stated that he also favored this location. He added that the Librarian had said that the Library was a people's library, and not just for the children.

The Mayor asked if there were any oral communications on this subject, and Mrs. Waters, Mr. Geo. Mershon and Mr. B.C. Buxton expressed their views, all seeming to favor a location near the High School.

It was decided that no action could be taken on the matter until further information as to the government grant is received.

Councilman Klusman brought up the question of the burning off of vacant lots, and considerable discussion followed, with various arguments pro and con being presented. It was finally decided that no action could be taken on this matter until the beginning of next year.



Councilman Tolson reported that the Recreation Department would probably be under way very soon as a P.W.A. project. He stated that the playground is in good shape, and the horseshoe courts are in.

Clerk Bartlett reported that Mr. Smith, agent for the carbon plant building, expected a deposit from a prospective lessee of the building. Councilman Tolson stated that the portion of the building desired for the Recreation Department could be secured at a monthly rental of \$20.00, and he moved that the required deposit be made by the City up to the end of the fiscal year. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion; the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

City Engineer Leonard reported on the extension of Cedar Avenue. He said that he was informed this date by Mr. Cooley, Assistant to the Road Commissioner, that within two weeks they expect an agreement from the government permitting them to proceed with P.W.A. jobs possible to take care of out of gasoline funds; but that if government approval is not received within the two weeks, the County will proceed with the work as previously agreed with the City of Torrance.

Engineer Leonard asked the Council to consider the drainage situation at Cravens, Cabrillo and Carson. He stated that the work of carrying the water across the corner, under the Pacific Electric Railway tracks, would entail an expenditure of about \$400.00 or \$500.00.

Councilman Klusman moved that the matter be taken care of at an expense not to exceed \$500.00 and that permission be obtained from the Pacific Electric Railway Company to go under their tracks. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Engineer Leonard reported that there is an understanding that the Cabrillo Avenue improvement will be under way before the end of the year.

Mayor Ludlow reported on the Sewer Meeting held this date. Information was received that the government will reject any projects which are not to be completed within six months. He stated that the Vista Highlands Sewer Project would take about 8 months, and therefore the application has been revamped in order to avoid this technicality. The South Torrance Sewer Project has a good chance of passing.

Councilman Stanger moved that warrants be drawn and all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Upon motion of Councilman Stanger, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

A. R. Ludlow  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.

Torrance, California.  
December 24, 1935.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Tuesday, December 24, 1935.

City Clerk Bartlett called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M., Mayor Ludlow being absent. Councilman Stanger was appointed to serve as Mayor Pro tem.